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Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Applicant requests entry of amendments and requests continued examination of this application.

Claims 31-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 31 has been amended to address the §112 rejection. Because this was the sole rejection for claims 31 and 32, those claims are now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 33 and 34 have been amended to use the correct plural form of "wall" and thus the amendment overcomes the §112 rejection.

Claims 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Szapucki *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,671,958). For the following reasons, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 33, as amended, recites (1) a "first part" defining "exterior side walls having edges" and (2) a "second part" separate from said first part, with the second part defining (a) "interior side walls nested in the exterior side walls" and (b) "a top wall extending beyond the interior side walls to define a flange" (lines 4-7). The cited reference does not teach all of these limitations of claim 33.

The Office action points to Szapucki's **housing 2** as teaching the "first part" recited in claim 33, whereas the Office action points to Szapucki's **bolt 4** as teaching the "second part" recited in claim 33. However, the language of claim 33 requires that it is the "first part" which defines "exterior side walls" while the "second part" defines both "interior side walls nested in the exterior side walls" and a "top wall" which extends "beyond the interior side walls". As is clear from Szapucki FIGURES 9, 10, 12 & 13, the bolt 4 does *not* define any top wall extending beyond the interior

side walls, as required by the claim language.

Applicant believes that the Examiner is likely relying on Szapucki FIGURES 3 and 4 to find the requisite top wall, but those figures do not actually show the bolt 4, despite the erroneous markings of those figures. Instead, the items shown in FIGURES 3 and 4 are actually the housing 2, and should have been thus labeled. This mistaken labeling is made clear by comparing Szapucki FIGURES 3 and 4 with Szapucki FIGURE 1, and by reading the Brief Description of the Drawings for FIGURES 3 and 4 (both of which say that FIGURES 4 and 5 are of the housing). Further, a reading of column 3, lines 15-45, and column 4 lines 17-27, which make clear that FIGURES 3 and 4 are directed at the housing 2, not at the bolt 4, further support this view.

Consequently, applicant believes that because of the erroneous labeling, the Office action has actually cited the housing 2 as teaching *both* the first part *and* the second part, which clearly violates the limitation that the first part be *separate* from the second part. In contrast, a proper reading of Szapucki by correcting the mislabeling shows that there is no element disclosed that corresponds to the second part as defined in claim 33, because the bolt 4 does not define the top wall, as claimed. Therefore, claim 33 is patentable over the reference.

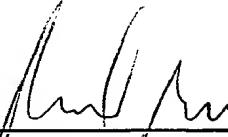
Claim 34, at lines 3-7, recites limitations similar to claim 33 at lines, and thus the above argument also applies to claim 34, and thus claim 34 is patentable over the references.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is *not* in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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